

# Investing in Small Businesses

Helping with the Costs of Creating New Utah Jobs



In August, 2012 DWS rolled out the Small Business Bridge Program. As of the end of September, over 45 companies have applied, creating over 180 new jobs for the Utah economy. The program, which is open to all small businesses that have less than 100 employees, will continue until all program funding has been obligated.

The Bridge program is designed to offset the cost and time associated with advertising, interviewing, hiring and training a new employee. The general program guidelines are listed at the right.

Program information, including the application and full program guidelines, are available on our website at <https://jobs.utah.gov/employer/bridge/index.html>. If you have questions, please visit your local employment center and talk to a Workforce Development Specialist. ⓘ

## BRIDGE



Business Opportunity | Readiness Skills  
Implementation | Demand  
Growth | Employment Creation

### General Guidelines:

- For a newly created position to qualify, it must pay at least 80 percent of the County Average Wage.
- A business will receive a reimbursement according to the wage and unemployment status of a new hire.
- Each job created can qualify for \$3,000 to \$4,000, depending on wage.
- If the business hires a UI Claimant to fill a new job, that business may receive an additional \$500.
- Businesses must be current on UI contributions to participate.
- Newly created jobs cannot be seasonal or temporary.

